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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/2000/1132)*

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECONDCOMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutionss A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), L.4 (item 94 (b)), L.10 (item 94 (c)), L.12 and L.13 (item 94 (e)) and a draft decision contained in Chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99) and L.31 (item 95 (f))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

p.m.*- 6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the iciency of the administrative and financial functioning of United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and d 1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (Report of the cretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal ersight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, 52/426, A/53/428, A/54/393, A/55/436, A/55/469 and C.5/55/23))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations om 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agreement on the privileges and immunities of the Court

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON AGREEMENT ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COURT

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001
2. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 5 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room DC1-1402: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development will hold a briefing on the outcome of the 3rd meeting of the Bureau of the Commission *today*, 5 December 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Announcements

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel. (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 5 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.35 (UNITAR))

15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee items)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

11 a.m. — 82nd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/652)* [17 (a)]

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424/Add.1)* [17 (b)]

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/653)* [17 (c)]

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/654)* [17 (d)]

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/655)* [17 (e)]

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/656)* [17 (g)]

2. Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1) [47]

3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Second report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537/Add.1) [3]

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* To be issued in the course of the day.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

0 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the econd Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

0 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will resume its consideration of agenda item 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The report of the extraordinary session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/C.4/55/6.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

Th[illegible]ist of speakers for the special segment is open until [illegible]ay, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list [illegible]speakers for this segment are requested to contact the tech[illegible]l Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June [illegible]esney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: [illegible]esney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Mon[illegible]y, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be an[illegible]unced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

80th plenary meeting

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/175, A/55/389, A/55/465)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/174)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42)

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.42.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.33/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Colombia, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Japan, Costa Rica, Brazil, Spain, Venezuela and El Salvador.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/55/L.33/Rev.1 and A/55/L.42 was postponed to a later date, to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that consideration of draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.2, scheduled for that meeting under agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action), was postponed to a later date at the request of the sponsors of the draft resolution.

81st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 81st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/236).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a decision on the draft resolution would be taken at a later date.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the Committee's work schedule for the remaining weeks of the main part of the fifty-fifth session.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives or observers of the following countries: Switzerland, Cyprus, Sweden, Chile, United Arab Emirates, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Denmark, Bahrain, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain, Morocco, Austria, Japan, Kuwait, Turkey, Republic of Korea, Norway, Italy, United States, Tunisia and China.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2000

84th meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its report.

The Committee re-elected Ms. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan Chairperson of the Committee in closed meeting.

The Committee thus concluded the work of its twenty-fourth session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day 2000

As part of the commemoration of Human Rights Day 2000, a special two-part event focusing on the theme "Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance" will take place on Thursday 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Conference Room 1. From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a high-level, nine-city video-conference. Speakers will include Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Techeste Ahderom, Chair, NGO Committee on Human Rights; Jyoti Singh, Executive Coordinator, World Conference against Racism; and high-level representatives of the South African and Chilean Governments. From 12 noon to 1 p.m., there will be a panel discussion, also in Conference Room 1, "The Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000". Speakers will include H.E. Sr. Gabriel J. Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy to the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York; and Malcolm Smart, Director of Programmes, Human Rights Watch (New York). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Human Rights Day is organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	4242nd* and 4243rd meetings	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

Morning**	4244th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in East Timor

   Report of the Security Council Mission in East Timor and Indonesia (S/2000/1105)

Morning***	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

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* There will be a briefing by the Legal Counsel.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4243rd meeting.

*** To be held following the adjournment of the 4244th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

11 a.m. 82nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

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   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424/Add.1) [17 (b)]

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/653) [17 (c)]

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/654) [17 (d)]

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/655) [17 (e)]

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2. Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1) [47]

3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Second report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537/Add.1) [3]

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/54/670, A/54/839, A/55/138-S/2000/693, A/55/305-S/2000/809, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1, A/C.4/55/6 and A/C.4/55/L.22)

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 41st meeting Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

2. Sectoral policy questions: business and development [93 (b)]

   Action on draft decisions A/C.2/55/L.32 and L.52

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

Action on draft decision A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) [94 (e)]

Action on draft decisions A/C.2/55/L.12 and L.53

5. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) [94 (e)]

Action on draft decisions A/C.2/55/L.13 and L.54

6. Environment and sustainable development: World Solar Programme 1996-2005 [95 (f)]

Action on draft decisions A/C.2/55/L.31 and L.55

7. Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [95 (g)]

Action on draft decisions A/C.2/55/L.23 and L.48

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99]

Action on draft decisions A/C.2/55/L.18 and L.51

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.*	35th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127] (A/54/120, A/55/5/Add.12, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623 and A/55/642)

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128] (A/52/784, A/55/5/Add.11, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622 and A/55/643)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.12

4. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11

Afternoon* - 6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (A/C.5/55/15); Revised estimates under section 7 (International Court of Justice) (A/C.5/55/21 and A/55/7/Add.2); and Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/629))

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

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* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agreement on the privileges and immunities of the Court

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
2. Financing of the International Tribunal for Rwanda
3. Financing of the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 6 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 7: A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), from 10.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 11.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Trusteeship Council Chamber: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: Consideration of all outstanding draft resolutions, from 4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 6 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (c))

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on culture and development, and environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee items; and briefing on financing for development)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place *today*, 6 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 27 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity), organized by the delegation of Togo, will be held *today*, 6 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held *today*, 6 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held *today*, 6 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	36th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)

The 4th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up of the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Thursday, 7 December 2000, at 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly will introduced draft resolution A/55/L.56.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The first meeting of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment was open until Tuesday, 5 December, and will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting will review the status of undergoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Informal consultations

The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations on preparations for the second session of the Group of Experts on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel : (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

81st plenary meeting

Reports of the Third Committee

The Rapporteur of the Third Committee introduced the reports of the Third Committee on agenda items 103 to 114 and 12.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided to hear a statement by the representative of the Dominican Republic in connection with the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 107.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/55/591) [103]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/55/591) (resolution 55/57).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 103.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: report of the Third Committee (A/55/592) [104]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/55/592) (resolution 55/58).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 104.

Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/55/593) [105]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to VI recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/55/593) (resolutions 55/59, 55/60, 55/61, 55/62, 55/63, 55/64).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 105.

International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/55/594) [106]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/594) (resolution 55/65).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 106.

Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2) [107]

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution VI was postponed to a later date before the recess in December to allow time for the review of the programme budget implications by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Qatar.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 35 of its report (A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 55/66)	146	1	26
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/67)		adopted	
Draft resolution III (resolution 55/68)		adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/69)		adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/70)		adopted	

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 36 of its report (A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2).

The representative of Jordan made a statement in explanation of vote.

The representative of France spoke on a point of order.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/55/596) [108]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/55/596) (resolution 55/71).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 108.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/597) [109]

The representative of Norway made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the six draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 25 of its report (A/55/597).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 55/72)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/73)		adopted	
Draft resolution III: Operative paragraph 20 (recorded vote)	139	0	31
Draft resolution III as a whole (resolution 55/74)		adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/75)		adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/76)		adopted	
Draft resolution VI (resolution 55/77)		adopted	

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/55/597).

The representative of the Dominican Republic made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 109.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/55/598) [110]

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/55/598) (resolutions 55/78 and 55/79).

The Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/55/598).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 110.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/55/599) [111]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/599) (resolution 55/80).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 111.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/600) [112]

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 26 of its report (A/55/600) (resolutions 55/81, 55/82, 55/83 and 55/84).

The Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 27 of its report (A/ 55/600).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

The right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/601) [113]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 17 of its report (A/55/601).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 55/85)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 55/86)	119	19	35
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 55/87)	170	2	5

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 113.

Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602) [114]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/55/602).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 114.

Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.1) [114 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 16 of its report (A/55/602/Add.1) (resolutions 55/88, 55/89, 55/90).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 114.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.2) [114 (b)]

The representative of Qatar made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the 21 draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 94 of its report (A/55/602/Add.2 and Corr.1 (in English only)).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 55/91)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 55/92)	165	0	8
Draft resolution III (resolution 55/93)		adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/94)		adopted	
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/95)		adopted	
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 55/96)	157	0	16
Draft resolution VII (resolution 55/97)		adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (resolution 55/98)		adopted	
Draft resolution IX (resolution 55/99)		adopted	
Draft resolution X (recorded vote) (resolution 55/100)	106	1	67
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) (resolution 55/101)	104	52	15
Draft resolution XII (recorded vote) (resolution 55/102)	112	46	15
Draft resolution XIII (resolution 55/103)		adopted	
Draft resolution XIV (resolution 55/104)		adopted	
Draft resolution XV (resolution 55/105)		adopted	
Draft resolution XVI (resolution 55/106)		adopted	
Draft resolution XVII (recorded vote) (resolution 55/107)	109	52	7
Draft resolution XVIII (resolution 55/108)		adopted	
Draft resolution XIX (resolution 55/109)		adopted	
Draft resolution XX (recorded vote) (resolution 55/110)	117	49	6
Draft resolution XXI (resolution 55/111)		adopted	

Statements in explanations of vote were made by the representatives of Jamaica and Chile.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Cuba and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) agenda item 114.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.3) [114 (c)]

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Yemen and Papua New Guinea.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the eight draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 49 of its report (A/55/602/Add.3).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 55/112)		adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/113)		adopted	
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 55/114)	67	54	46
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 55/115)	102	3	60
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 55/116)	85	32	49
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 55/117)	102	2	63
Draft resolution VII (resolution 55/118)		adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (resolution 55/119)		adopted	

The representative of Bolivia made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 114.

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.4) [114 (d)]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.4).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 114.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.5) [114 (e)]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.5).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 114.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/55/603) [12]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/603).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of all the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Third Committee.

Tuesday, 5 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4241st meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1302 (2000) (S/2000/1132)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1149, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Malaysia, the United States, Argentina, China, Canada and France, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2000/1149) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1149) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1330 (2000).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. Vienna, 18 April 1961

Accession: Belize (30 November 2000)*

Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Vienna, 24 April 1963

Accession: Belize (30 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Gabon (4 December 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Gabon (4 December 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Gabon (4 December 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Gabon (4 December 2000)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Australia (4 December 2000)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Pakistan (5 December 2000)*

Agreement concerning the Establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles. Geneva, 25 June 1998

Accession: Italy (1 December 2000)*

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Denmark (5 December 2000)

Signature: Hungary (5 December 2000)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day 2000

As part of the commemoration of Human Rights Day 2000, a special two-part event focusing on the theme "Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance" will take place on Thursday 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Conference Room 1. From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a high-level, nine-city videoconference. Speakers will include Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Techeste Ahderom, Chair, NGO Committee on Human Rights; Jyoti Singh, Executive Coordinator, World Conference against Racism; and high-level representatives of the South African and Chilean Governments. From 12 noon to 1 p.m., there will be a panel discussion, also in Conference Room 1, "The Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000". Speakers will include H.E. Sr. Gabriel J. Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy to the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York; and Malcolm Smart, Director of Programmes, Human Rights Watch (New York). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Human Rights Day is organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Great Lakes region

Interactive dialogue with the Secretariat, Mr. Berhanu Dinka, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region, and Mr. Kamel Morjane, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Other matters

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38 under item 20 (a)

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on agenda item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)

4 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Presentation of draft resolution A/55/L.56 by the President of the General Assembly

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), L.28 (item 92 (b)), L38 (item 92 (c)) and L.35 (item 97)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)) and L.43, and programme budget implications in A/C.2/55/L.50

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a)), L.21* (item 95 (d)) and L.30 (item 95 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1) and 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m.*	36th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127] (A/54/120, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/642, A/55/5/Add.12 and A/55/487)

2. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128] (A/52/784, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622, A/55/643, A/55/5/Add.11 and A/55/487)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11

Afternoon*- 6 .30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 127 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/54/120, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/642, A/55/5/Add.12 and A/55/487)) and 128 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/784, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622, A/55/643, A/55/5/Add.11 and A/55/487))

7 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

* Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on agreement on the privileges and immunities of the Court

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on relationship agreement between the Court and the United Nations

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.33
2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region a peace, freedom, democracy and development: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.42
3. Draft reports

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 7 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/55/L.43 (item 102) and A/C.2/55/L.50 (item 102), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 7 December 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee matters; and briefing on financing for development)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Developme. *today*, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held *today*, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, there will be a panel discussion on "The Culture of Peace and Human Rights", co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations and the International Health Awareness Network, *today*, 7 December 2000, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) will be held *today*, 7 December 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 8 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 83rd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2000 (A/55/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/55/303, A/55/497)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.58, A/55//23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8)

3. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/568) [82]

4. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/569) [83]

5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/570) [84]

6. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/571) [85]

7. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/572) [86]

8. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/573) [87]

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/574) [88]

10. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/575) [89 and 18]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/576) [90 and 12]

12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/577) [91]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/578) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/55/L.58, A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m. *	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38 under item 20 (a) will be conducted on Friday, 8 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than *today*, 7 December 2000.

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The first meeting of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting will review the status of undergoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Informal consultations

The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations on preparations for the second session of the Group of Experts on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Open to all delegations and non-governmental organizations.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10.a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4242nd meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In the absence of any objection, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Hans Corell, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel.

The Council began it consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, The Legal Counsel.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Argentina, Tunisia, China, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Jamaica, Malaysia, Canada, the United States, Ukraine, France and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

4243rd meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/38).

4244th meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Security Council Mission to East Timor and Indonesia (S/2000/1105)

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/39).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

82nd plenary meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/652) [17 (a)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/652), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Andrzej Abraszewski, Mr. Manlan Narcisse Ahounou, Mr. Felipe Mabilangan, Mr. Besley Maycock and Mr. C.S.M. Mselle.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424/Add.1) [17 (b)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/424/Add.1), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Mr. Chinmaya Gharekhan, Mr. Ihor Humenny, Mr. Gebhard Benjamin Kandanga, Mr. David Leis and Mr. Kazuo Watanabe.

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/55/424/Add.1), also appointed Mr. Henry Fox as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 6 December 2000 and ending on 31 December 2001.

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/653) [17 (c)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/653), appointed the Court of Audit of France as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2001.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/654) [17 (d)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/654), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Ahmad Abdullatif, Mr. Fernando Chico Pardo and Mr. J. Y. Pillay.

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/655) [17 (e)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/655), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Omer Yousif Bireedo, Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis and Ms. Brigitte Stern.

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/656) [17 (g)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/656), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001: Mr. Ernest Rusita, Mr. El Hassane Zahid, Mr. Asda Jayanama, Mr. C. M. Shafi Sami and Mr. Alexei Fedotov.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1) [47]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 47.

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.2.

Members were informed that the sponsor of the amendments contained in document A/55/L.51 had withdrawn the amendments.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1 (resolution 55/120)

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt and Cuba.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 47.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Second report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537/Add.1) [3]

The General assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 10 of its second report (A/55/537/Add.1) (resolution 55/16 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 3.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/13 of 3 November 2000, he had appointed H.E. Ambassador Penny Wensley, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations and H.E. Ambassador Ibra Deguène Ka, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations, as the two facilitators of the preparatory process of the special session on HIV/AIDS.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 28th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The Acting Chairman drew attention to the report on the extraordinary session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/C.4/55/6) as well as the draft resolution contained in document A/C.4/55/L.22.

The representative of Egypt, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, introduced the report on the extraordinary session of the Special Committee and the draft resolution on the agenda item contained in documents A/C.4/55/6 and A/C.4/55/L.22, respectively.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.2 without a vote.

Organization of work

The Acting Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/55/3 and A/55/419)

On the proposal by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/3, namely chapters I to V, VII (sections A through C and E through H) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council and also took a decision on Chapter I, concerning the draft resolution 2000/5 entitled "Decade of Greater Mekong Subregion Development cooperation, 2000-2009". The Committee also took note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award (A/55/419).

Sectoral policy questions: business and development [93 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.32 and L.52

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52 which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 93 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 and drew the attention of the Committee to revised draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4/Rev.1, which was submitted by the sponsors listed in the document.

A statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 94 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) [94 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.12 and L.53

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.12.

The representative of China orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) [94 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.13 and L.54

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.13.

The Secretary read out a statement regarding the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The representative of China orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.54, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 94 (e).

Environment and sustainable development: World Solar Programme 1996-2005 [95 (f)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.31 and L.55

The Chairman of the Committee introduced, on behalf of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.55, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 95 (f).

Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [95 (g)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23 and draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48

The Chairman of the Committee introduced, on behalf of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48.

The Secretary read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft decision.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

In the light of the adoption of draft decision A/C.2/55/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.23 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 95 (g).

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.18 and L.51

The Chairman of the Committee introduced, on behalf of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51.

The representative of Tunisia made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.51, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.18 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 99.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the United States raised a procedural question to which the Chairman responded.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The reports of the Secretary-General were before the Committee in documents A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/55/622.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/55/642 and A/55/643) and orally introduced the related reports regarding documents A/55/517/Add.1 and A/55/512/Add.1.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. the same day, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda items 127 and 128.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Liechtenstein), Norway, Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.12.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Mali (5 December 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Mali (5 December 2000)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Ratification: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Papua New Guinea (6 December 2000)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Kenya (30 November 2000)*

Ratification: Nicaragua (5 December 2000)*

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Finland (6 December 2000)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY. 10017, (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day 2000

As part of the commemoration of Human Rights Day 2000, a special two-part event focusing on the theme "Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance" will take place *today*, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Conference Room 1. From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a high-level, nine-city videoconference. Speakers will include Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Techeste Ahderom, Chair, NGO Committee on Human Rights; Jyoti Singh, Executive Coordinator, World Conference against Racism; and high-level representatives of the South African and Chilean Governments. From 12 noon to 1 p.m., there will be a panel discussion, also in Conference Room 1, "The Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000". Speakers will include H.E. Sr. Gabriel J. Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy to the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York; and Malcolm Smart, Director of Programmes, Human Rights Watch (New York). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Human Rights Day is organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 7 December 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 8 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/1156)

Briefing by Mr. Kamel Morjane, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1445th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

4.15 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	14th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

83rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

10 a.m.

1. Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2000 (A/55/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/55/303, A/55/497)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.58, A/55//23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8)

3. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/568) [82]

4. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/569) [83]

5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/570) [84]

6. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/571) [85]

7. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/572) [86]

8. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/573) [87]

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/574) [88]

10. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/575) [89 and 18]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/576) [90 and 12]

12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/577) [91]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/578) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c))

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: Trade and development [92 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 and L.61

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities [92 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.28 and L.62

3. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation: Cultural development [94 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 and L.60

4. Environment and sustainable development: Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.15 and L.58

5. Environment and sustainable development: Water supply and sanitation [95 (c)] (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

6. Environment and sustainable development: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [95 (d)] (A/55/185)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.21 and L.59

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.30 and L.57

7. Training and research [97]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.35 and L.56 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/55/L.49)

8. Globalization and interdependence [100]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.36 and L.63

9. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [102]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1

10. Macroeconomic policy questions: External debt crisis and development [92 (c)]

    Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.38 [and future L.64]*

11. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2000 and 2001 (A/C.2/55/L.40)

12. Closure of the fifty-fifth session of the Second Committee

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1)) and 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

11 a.m. - 12 noon	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

12 noon - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

3 p.m.*- 6 .30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 127 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/54/120, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/642, A/55/5/Add.12 and A/55/487)) and 128 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/784, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622, A/55/643, A/55/5/Add.11 and A/55/487))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON AGREEMENT ON
THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COURT

11 a.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Morning* - 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

* Immediately following the Working Group on Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38 under item 20 (a) will be conducted *today*, 8 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 8 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE
PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Informal consultations

The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations on preparations for the second session of the Group of Experts *today*, 8 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Open to all delegations and non-governmental organizations.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) will be held *today*, 8 December 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 9 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.-4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Monday, 11 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m. *	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development, under item 20 (a), will be conducted by Brazil, on Monday, 11 December 2000, in Conference Room 6, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg).

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The Open-Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-fifth session on Tuesday morning 12 December 2000, following the adjournment of the General Assembly, on organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal panel

There will be an informal panel dialogue at the level of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Development" on Wednesday, 13 December 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

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List of speakers

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

The Committee continued its consideration of these agenda items.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin the same day, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Merchant (Norway).

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11 introduced by the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the 34th meeting held on Monday, 4 December 2000.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations.

The representative of the United States made a statement and requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 14.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 14 of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11 which were retained by a recorded vote of 68 votes to 3 with 35 abstentions.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Nepal made statements.

The representative of the United States then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11 as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 109 to 3.

Statements in explanation of position after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, France (on behalf of the European Union), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Lebanon and Israel.

The representatives of Viet Nam, Bahrain and Slovenia also made statements.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held *today*, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 11 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/2000/1138)

Briefing by Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question (S/2000/1171)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m.*- 6 .30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative matters
2. UNICEF
3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT

First meeting

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development of East Timor, under item 20 (b), will be conducted by Brazil, on Monday, 11 December 2000, in Conference Room 6, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg).

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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Monday, 11 December 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 173)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ISLAMIC GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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There will be meetings of the Statistics Expert Group of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Hearings

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 84th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/604) [154]

2. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/605) [155]

3. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/606) [156]

4. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/607) [157]

5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/608) [158]

6. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/609) [159]

7. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/610) [160]

8. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/611 and Corr.1 (Arabic, English, French and Spanish only)) [161]

9. Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/612) [162]

10. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/613 and Corr.1) [163]

11. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/614) [164]

12. Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/615) [165]

13. Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/616) [171]

14. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/617) [172]

15. Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/648) [184]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.*	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Open-Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-fifth session on Tuesday morning 12 December 2000, following the adjournment of the General Assembly, on organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, *from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.*

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 8 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

83rd plenary meeting

Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The President made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services delivered a message of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Madagascar (on behalf of the African States), Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Ukraine (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Andorra (on behalf of the Western European and other States).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

(a) *Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2000 (A/55/23 (Parts I-III))*

(b) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/55/303, A/55/497)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58)*

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced the Committee's report (A/55/23).

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba and Vanuatu.

The President informed the General Assembly that action on the draft resolutions submitted under this item would be taken after the General Assembly had considered the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 82 to 88, 89 and 18, 90 and 12, 91 as well as 18.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/568) [82]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/568) (resolution 55/121).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/569) [83]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/55/569) (resolution 55/122).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/570) [84]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to VII recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/55/570).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 55/123)	156	1	3
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/124)		adopted	

Draft resolution III (resolution 55/125)	156	2	2
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/126)	160	0	1
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/127)	157	2	2
Draft resolution VI (resolution 55/128)	156	2	2
Draft resolution VII (resolution 55/129)	156	2	2

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 84.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/571) [85]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 20 of its report (A/55/571).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 55/130)	91	2	61
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/131)	152	2	2
Draft resolution III (resolution 55/132)	152	4	0
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/133)	150	3	1
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/134)	150	1	4

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 85.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/572) [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/572) (resolution 55/135).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 86.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/573) [87]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/55/573) (resolutions 55/136A and B).

The Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/573).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/574) [88]

By 153 to 0, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/574) (resolution 55/137).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/575) [89 and 18]

By 151 to 2, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/575) (resolution 55/138).

By 100 to 47, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/55/575).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (A/55/576) [90 and 12]

By 109 to 0, with 50 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/55/576) (resolution 55/139).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/577) [91]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) ... paragraph 6 of its report (A/55/577) (resolution 55/140).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 91.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/578) [18]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 24 of its report (A/55/578) (resolutions 55/141, 55/142, 55/143 and 55/144).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 25 of its report (A/55/578).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58) [18]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly proceeded to take action on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in Part III, Chapter 13, section G, paragraph 7 and section H, paragraph 8 of document (A/55/23).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution (Part III, G-para. 7) (recorded vote) (resolution 55/145)	153	2	3
Draft resolution II (Part III, H-para. 8) (recorded vote) (resolution 55/146)	125	2	30

By 138 to 2, with 18 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.58 (resolution 55/147).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions : Trade and development [92 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 and L.61

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61, as orally revised.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents submitted under the sub-item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 92 (a).

Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities [92 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.28 and L.62

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 92 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Cultural development [94 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 and L.60

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Nicolescu (Romania), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 94 (c).

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.15 and L.58

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.15.

The Secretary read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

Environment and sustainable development: Water supply and sanitation [95 (c)] *(A/55/65-E/2000/19)*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that there were no draft proposals submitted under the agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/65-E/2000/19.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (c).

Environment and sustainable development: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [95 (d)] *(A/55/185)*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.21 and L.59

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21.

The representative of Barbados (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Alliance of the Small Island States) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The representative of Turkey made a statement.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply, in accordance with rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

The Chairman made a statement.

Environment and sustainable development: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [95 (d)] *(A/55/185)*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.30 and L.57

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/185.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (d).

Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35 and L.56

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35.

The Director of Programme Planning and Budget Division read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.36 and L.63

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a document submitted under the item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [102]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Bangladesh made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 102.

Macroeconomic policy questions: External debt crisis and development [92 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.38 and A/C.2/55/L.64

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64 which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 92 (c) and agenda item 92 as a whole.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2001 and 2002 (A/C.2/55/L.40)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit introduced and orally revised document A/C.2/55/L.40.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2001-2002, as orally revised.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Ukraine (on behalf of the Eastern European Group), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Japan, Madagascar (on behalf of the African Group), Colombia (on behalf of Rio Group countries) and the United States.

The Chairman declared closed the fifty-fifth session of the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session 26th meeting

The Coordinators for the Working Group on the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, the Working Group on Financial Regulations and Rules, the Working Group on Agreement on the Privileges and Immuni-

ties of the Court, and the Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, reported on the progress achieved by their respective Working Groups.

The Special Rapporteur of the Preparatory Commission made a statement.

The representatives of Peru, Hungary, Cuba and oon spoke.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission statement and declared close the sixth session of the C sion.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (7 December 2000)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (7 December 2000)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Marshall Islands (7 December 2000)*

Signature: Peru (7 December 2000)

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (7 December 2000)

Signature: Chile (8 December 2000)

Signature: France (8 December 2000)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017, (fax: (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:
Mongolie
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4245th meeting* Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/2000/1137)

3.30 p.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/2000/1138)

Eritrea/Ethiopia

Other matters

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* A briefing will be given by Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Co-ordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 84th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/604) [154]

2. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/605) [155]

3. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/606) [156]

4. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/607) [157]

5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/608) [158]

6. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/609) [159]

7. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/610) [160]

8. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/611 and Corr.1) [161]

9. Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/612) [162]

10. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/613 and Corr.1) [163]

11. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/614) [164]

12. Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/615) [165]

13. Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/616) [171]

14. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/617) [172]

15. Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/648) [184]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.*	37th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

   Human resources management [123]

   Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/55/494 and A/55/658)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

   Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/55/650)

   Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon**-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22))

7 p.m.-10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AN INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Morning*-1 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)g	General Asembly Hall

(Announcement of appointment of Vice-Chairpersons)

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* Following the adjournment of the 84th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports
2. Executive session on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea
3. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; programme budget implications of draft resolution A/55/L.62
4. Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000
5. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT

First meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38, under item 20 (a), will be conducted by the Group of 77, *today*, 12 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 12 December 2000

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9.15 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 20)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) *today*, 12 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting will review the status of undergoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place *today*, 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-govern-mental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.*	38th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal panel

There will be an informal panel dialogue at the level of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Development" on Wednesday, 13 December 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly. Introductory comments will be made by H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, followed by keynote addresses by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, Managing Director of the World Bank, and Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. There will also be short prepared comments by delegations from the floor, followed by free dialogue.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairman-

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 13 December 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Bahrain (11 December 2000)

Ratification: Germany (11 December 2000)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

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